

## *Directives for Florists*

### **PLEASE GIVE A COPY OF THESE GUIDELINES TO YOUR FLORIST AND/OR WEDDING DECORATOR**

Please check with the sacristan or presiding priest upon your arrival. He will review our floral/wedding decor guidelines with you.

Keep in mind that different colors are used in the church during the varying liturgical seasons throughout the year. Expect to find some of these colors present in the church or in the sanctuary.

#### *Altar Flowers:*

Altar flowers are not required, but if they are used, they must be delivered and in place at least 60 minutes prior to the wedding liturgy. Flowers may be left in the church after the ceremony. If the wedding couple wishes to retain the flowers, the flowers must be removed promptly at the conclusion of the liturgy.

Sanctuary floral arrangements must be done by a professional florist. They may be placed on both sides of the tabernacle on the pillars provided there—never upon the altar itself or in front of the altar. Nor may they be placed on the ambo (pulpit) or in front of the ambo (pulpit). The sacristan will offer direction in this regard.

All containers used for corsages, floral arrangements, etc., must be removed from the vestibule at the conclusion of the ceremony. Paper mache containers are not permitted and all flower containers must be free of any danger of leaking.

#### *Other Decorations:*

Decorations of any type may not be affixed to any structural wall or element in the church.

The only candles permitted are those already in place by the church staff. In particular, candles in the aisles or on pews are not allowed. Pew-end decorations are discouraged., and pews may never be blocked by ribbons, cords, strings, etc. Aisle-runners are not permitted.

Sanctuary appointments such as the presider's chair, candlesticks, banners, altar cloths or any other liturgical objects are not to be altered or removed under any circumstances.

#### *Additional Guidelines:*

Rice, birdseed, confetti, flower petals, sparklers, balloons, birds, butterflies, bubbles, etc., may not be used, thrown or released in the church or outside the church.